

As a citizen concerned with multiple viewpoints in the media, I urge you to not relax the restrictions to media ownership. Since the Telecommunications Act passed in 1996 ownership of the media has been concentrated into fewer and larger media groups; the Act produced the opposite results from what was intended and promoted. An old saying goes, "it is a fool who does the same thing, yet expects different results". Don't expect different results if you continue down the same road. This consolidation of media ownership is a danger to our democracy, which relies on an educated and informed public to make intelligent choices. You leave our society open for slanted information and the resultant misguiding of the public. Ironically, this is one arena which lends itself to federal regulation in order to create the effects of deregulation--more varied media ownership.